

Cambridge Newspapers 1897 to 1990 : a Scrapbook

Facts, Features and (occasional) Fallacies
reported in Cambridge Newspapers
summarised by

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Most of these stories originally appeared in the Cambridge Daily/Evening/News or the
Cambridgeshire Weekly News, its sister title.

They are supplemented by some articles published in the
Cambridge Independent Press or Cambridge Chronicle

Most were featured in my 'Looking Back' column in the Cambridge News from 1996-2014

The complete 'Cambridgeshire Scrapbook' of which this is a small section is published online at
bit.ly/CambsCollection

I have digital and other copies of most of the stories summarised.
I hope to publish these online one day. If you would like them in the meantime then please get in
touch.

The original volumes are housed in the Cambridgeshire Collection at Cambridge Central Library
where there are many other indexes dating back to 1770.

They also have detailed newspaper cuttings files on over 750 topics that have been compiled since the
1960s.

Newspapers sometimes get things wrong. I copy things out incorrectly. Do check

There are a multitude of spelling and layout errors. Please forgive or correct them

News never stops but this file was finished on 31 August 2016.

I will maintain supplements and corrections – contact me for anything you need

Please make what use of these notes that you may. Kindly remember where they came from

See my website – www.mikepetty.org.uk for further notes.

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1886 01 09

Labourers News was published by Ald. W.P. Spalding; started 9th Jan 1886, a small four-page sheet called 'The Labourers Friend; but then changed to 'Labourers' News'; was enlarged in August; was attempt to educate new voters in sense of responsibility, published in Conservative interest; gradually more village news appeared much concerned with start of new Conservative clubs – 43 08 07 ... politically promote good old cause, uphold Union [NS.1.18] [TT 43 08 07] [*File in the Cambridgeshire Collection*]

1888 05 28

First CDN 28 May 1888, CWN six months later. CDN first editor was a Mr Andrews who stayed a short time, then George William Townsend, previously chief reporter – reminiscences – 38 06 11a [89 02 08, 21 01 08TT] [*File in the Cambridgeshire Collection*]

1889

Granta founded, succeeding Gadfly which banned [53 05 23]

1889 02 08

First CWN 8.2.1889 [7.11], claim largest weekly circulation [NS.1.5] [*File in the Cambridgeshire Collection*]

1889 03 15

Cambridge journalist's presentation [4.6]

1891 04

Death of Dr Robertson, editor & past proprietor of Cambridge Independent Press [1891 04 Rev.Yr]

1892

Daily Independent Press issued [*File in the Cambridgeshire Collection*]

1894

Institute of Journalists annual conference held in Cambridge [1894 RevYr]

1894

P.C. Maile published CDN from 1894, notes on changes etc [TT 44 01 29]

1895 03 26

Death of Mrs Naylor, late proprietor of Cambridge Chronicle [1895 03 26]

1896 01 03

facsimile of Cambridge Journal & Flying Post issued by Cambridge Chronicle as supplement on its 150th anniversary, 3rd January [45 12 29 TT]

1897 03 20

New daily / weekly paper – costings, 1897 03 20 p3 CDN

1898 05 19

Kilner v Taylor: action by Kilner brothers, proprietor of Cambridge Daily News since death of their father, to restrain William Farrow Taylor, former manager of the paper, from trespassing upon the office and interfering with the business. They had given Taylor notice in lieu of salary. Taylor said had agreement with Dr Kilner to be co-proprietor. He had been carrying on business as printer and publisher of 'The Free Lance' newspaper at Bury and proposed to start CDN. Kilner had advanced him the money. This should be treated as mortgage and repaid CDN 1898 05 19

1898 09 15

Important notice. In connection with an attempt to force upon the public a scheme for promoting a second daily paper for Cambridge, most dishonourable and dastardly tactics have been adopted towards this Journal. The matter is to come before a legal tribunal and a shocking conspiracy will then be revealed to the public. Public or private enterprise we gladly welcome, whether it be in journalism or any other calling. If amateur pressmen have several thousands to throw away - for that is what it means - we do not at all object. But let the fight be fair and square CDN 1898 09 15

1898 09 22

The Cambridge Daily News has made arrangements with the Edison-Bell Phonographs Company Ltd to supply photographs to the readers of the Cambridge Daily News on such easily fulfilled conditions that no reader need be without a photograph - whether he needs it in his business or by his hearth. This phonograph is no toy - it is a perfected machine, endorsed with the power of receiving, retaining, and emitting the human voice. The machine and equipment we suggest cost you seven guineas for the Standard Phonograph and four records selected from the list, together with eight blank cylinders for correspondence purposes or for making home records and a carrying case. Machines sent, carriage paid, upon receipt of the subjoined order and a guinea 1898 09 22

1898 11 26

Readers of the "Cambridge Daily News" will have noticed that for many weeks past the amount of news gathered by our reporters has been so great that to insert the whole in any one edition is quite impossible. Under these circumstances a further enlargement of the paper has become necessary and accordingly we have put down a new type of machine by Messrs Dawson and sons which will print a sheet giving seven, eight or nine columns to the page. This is the fourth machine supplied by them. The three others, although in constant use, are well capable of doing their work (two are more than 10 years old) and are a credit to English workmanship. We hope in a very short time to give our readers the advantages which the laying down of this machine has rendered possible CDN 1898 11 26

1899

Cambridgeshire and Eastern Counties Weekly Gazette launched. "When the Cambridge Gazette was launched with new plant in St Tibbs Row they had a fine yellow cart with rubber tyres. CDN had tall red cart with iron tyres and their poor old mare was beaten by the Gazette's fine trotting horse which got to agents first & CDN lost orders. News roundsman H.C. Bruce's ingenuity resolved issue - TT 48 06 05. *The Cambridgeshire Collection has microfilm*

1899 01 04

However poor the local newspaper its files are the best source of information as to what has taken place in the district. It is only in the British Museum that files of the newspapers are preserved as a matter of course. In places where there are free libraries a good deal is done but very often the files are incomplete and in some cases the importance of preserving these records is not realised as it ought to be. County councils should undertake the work of filing these newspapers, of binding the volumes and keeping them in a place ready of access by the public 1899 01 04

1899 02 04

Mr J.W. Iliffe told the annual staff dinner of the C.D.N. that he remembered when the Daily News was a puny infant and they were looking forward to the enterprise justifying itself. What Cambridge would be without its Daily News he really could not venture to think. When he first knew this borough they were satisfied with news coming out once a week in several papers, and they thought they were fairly up to date, and progressing satisfactorily, but they had no idea that any daily paper could survive. It was Mr Taylor's proud lot to start the venture, and prove not only that a daily paper could live, but that it could achieve a magnificent success 1899 02 04

1899 05 23

The result of the boat race was awaited with the greatest interest in Cambridge. The news that Cambridge had won was received at the office of the Cambridge Daily News within two minutes of

the finish and in less than three minutes the Special Edition of the C.D.N. containing the welcome intelligence was selling on the streets. Needless to say, everybody was delighted that the Light Blues had been victorious 1899 05 23

1900 01 18

An action for libel was brought by Mr W.E. Humphreys, proprietor of the "Cambridge Magazine" against Mr H.D. Catling, proprietor of "The Cantab" with the "Cambridge Gazette" company as co-defendants. Mr Humphreys said he was asked to contribute to "The Cantab" and it was arranged that if the paper was a success he should receive a quarter of the profits, but he received no profit at all. There was a verbal agreement by which he was to buy "The Cantab" for £10 but it fell through and he resolved to start the Cambridge Magazine CDN 1900 01 18

1900 03 29

A debate at New Chesterton Institute was told that while at the beginning of the century. Cambridge could only boast one weekly paper, they now had something like half-a-dozen weeklies and two dailies. During the past few years the Press generally had lost its influence for good upon the public. He did not think in recent years that editors had improved (Laughter). One sometimes heard that editors were "got at" and that sometimes big prices fetched extravagant leaders. There was too much reporting of police-court cases and inquests and they could do with a little less of the tragedy. The minds of the young were being poisoned by these things CDN 1900 03 29

1900 10 08

Two years ago the 'Cambridge Gazette' was brought into being. Its sponsors made a great fuss about it. At last, they said, Cambridge has got a daily newspaper that is worthy of it – an eight page paper with innumerable editions, up to date in every respect. A halfpenny weekly newspaper was also started with a loss on every copy sold. Not only were they bound to fail, but they deserved to fail – and they have failed. The CDN has now beaten off two attacks and our regret is that we cannot say of the second failure as we did in 1892 of the first – that it was a highly respectable sheet CDN 1900 10 08

1900 10 13

Just a week ago publication of the 'Cambridge Gazette' was suspended. This morning an extraordinary meeting of shareholders was held to consider that the company should be wound-up voluntarily. The Secretary of the company was not present and it was stated that he had gone to Manchester. The bank overdraft was stated to be £2,200 and the company was hopelessly beyond retrieval. The affairs are to be wound up as speedily as possible 00 10 13

1900 12 17

Most of the Cambridge pressmen assembled to do honour to one of their number, Mr Charles Kent, who after a 12 years' service with the 'Cambridge Chronicle' as editor, is shortly to sever his connection with Cambridge journalism. Time was when one journalist fraternising with another of a rival paper was suspected of disloyalty to his own paper. All that had passed away and journalists could now meet on the most friendly terms and still be whole-heartedly loyal to their own papers. In bringing about this spirit Mr Kent had done a great deal. He was presented with an illuminated address CDN 1900 12 17p; death May 1930 [5.2]

1902 01 15

The 'Cambridge Express' charges the police with having supplied the CDN with information and refusing to give it to the other newspapers. This is unfair. The CDN gathered its own news in its own way, without any help from the police at all. We telegraphed to Cork for a report of the hearing before magistrates which gave the probable date of arrival of the suspect in Cambridge. Three reporters were stationed along the railway. One at Gamlingay saw detective Marsh and the prisoner in a compartment, entered the carriage and rode with them, thus securing the information. CDN 1902 01 15

1902 05 15

The Cambridge Gazette Company has been wound up. As the business had proved so unprofitable the daily and weekly papers had been discontinued but a number of hands were engaged in jobbing printing work. Liquidators discharged them and proceeded to realise the assets. They had arranged the sale of the printing plant, machinery and effects in January 1901 but had no funds to meet the claims of the creditors or shareholders. There was no object in delaying the winding up further. CDN 1902 05 15

1902 06 13

The Cambridgeshire Weekly News is acknowledged to be the Cambridgeshire County Journal and possesses an unrivalled circulation and standing throughout the County. It gives the fullest, most accurate and most attractive reports of any newspaper. It contains a carefully-compiled summary of home and foreign news, a bright and attractive London letter written by a journalist of great ability and an illustrated ladies' letter devoted to the newest modes and fashions – Advert CDN 1902 06 13

1902 08 02

The Ipswich Journal has ceased to exist. No newspaper can be produced for a penny per copy without a considerable advertisement revenue and while sales have increased the income from advertisements has as steadily diminished. Few things more vividly illustrate the change over the past 50 years. A paper once a week can no longer satisfy the needs of the busy people in our chief centres of population & unless news is “served hot” it fails to interest them. So the daily paper has become indispensable. However much we may regret the disappearance of weekly journals the inexorable law of change must be accepted. Businessmen are realising that in the matter of advertising there is a great gulf between the weekly and daily newspaper. CDN 1902 08 02

1902 10 11

The proprietors of the CDN also publish the “Ely Weekly Guardian” and is represented in Ely by a reporter who devotes his whole time to our service. Messrs Sharman and Co publish the “City of Ely Standard” which competes in the surrounding district. During the past few months large quantities of news have been taken from the CDN and published in their paper. Now we have received a letter from Mr A. Sharman to say he has requested his staff to refrain from “scissors and paste” in future. CDN 1902 10 11

1902 11 12

On October 30th the CDN published a full list of creditors in a bankruptcy case and paid at the usual rate charged by the Bankruptcy Court. The following day a portion of our list was copied, without permission, by the Cambridge Independent Press and Cambridge Chronicle. We are determined to put a stop to the unacknowledged appropriation of our news by rival journals and both have now issued apologies. The C.D.N. is the only paper in Cambridge which maintains a staff sufficiently large to deal properly with events and it is intolerable that our rivals should supplement their deficiencies by taking from our columns without permission the news they cannot obtain for themselves. CDN 1902 11 12

1903

CDN editor H. Stanley Jones succeeded by Rough Brookes until 1918 [TT 43 07 31]

1904 01 30

The ‘Eastern Morning Gazette’, a Conservative organ published at Norwich for the last 12 months, has ceased publication. An editorial states this is not due to the hopelessness of the political situation but to other causes, it will be remembered that the price was recently reduced from a penny to a halfpenny. The ‘Norfolk Evening Standard’ will continue to chronicle all the news of the day with its customary impartiality, to shape and guide public opinion and to champion the Conservative cause. 04 01 30

1904 03 07

Owing to the enormous demands for the C.D.N. souvenir of the Royal Visit to Cambridge the whole edition was sold out less than an hour after publication. Now in response to enormous requests a second edition is ready. It contains a full report of the proceedings together with special articles on previous royal visits, King Edward's undergraduate days etc. It has photographs of the new Downing Street buildings reproduced from the series of pictures specially taken by J. Palmer Clarke for presentation to the King. Printed on superior paper and being 1922 of a convenient size it is an admirable memento of the auspicious and historic occasion. 04 03 07

1904 08 27

CDN run out of all except file copies as so many people write in for copies of the paper which report proceedings of the British Association meeting held in Cambridge [04 08 27 TT]

1904 09 10

Reporter chairs football meeting as nobody else would [04.09.10]

1904 11 14

Some explanation is due to the people who surrounded our offices last night to secure copies of our special edition which we promised for half-past-nine but was not published until an hour later. We had ordered from the Press Association a series of private wires to be dispatched as the Prime Minister's speech was being delivered. But such was the wretched state of the telegraphic arrangements that hardly one of the messages reached Cambridge in under an hour. It is as well that the Post Office is a Government department for any private trader who was so lamentably incompetent would soon find himself in the Bankruptcy Court. 04 11 14

1905 03 17

A CDN reporter had occasion to send a telegraph message from the Swaffham Prior post office to this paper; he then began to return to Cambridge by cycle; after a leisurely ride he found had beaten the wire. This was an annoyance, bearing in mind the reputed speed of electricity. It appears the message had first to be despatched to Ely where it had to wait before being transmitted to London, from which it was retransmitted to Cambridge. It arrived one-and-a-half hours after being sent! 05 03 17

1905 05 06

Owing to the enormous demand for the current issue of the 'Cambridgeshire Weekly News', the entire edition was sold out on the day of issue, and we regret that we are not able to supply the numerous orders that continue to arrive. To avoid disappointment in future, place a definite order with your newsagent. The 'Weekly News' is the best local weekly paper: sale exceeds 10,000 copies 05 05 06a

1905 08 19

With the next issue of the 'Cambridgeshire Weekly News' will be presented an art supplement containing photographs of the late Bishop of Ely and his successor. Both have been specially taken by Messrs. Scott and Wilkinson and are remarkable likenesses. They will be printed on specially prepared art paper in a style suitable for framing. Much disappointment will be saved if those who desire a copy will let their newsagents know without delay. Only a certain number will be printed and the issue will not be repeated. 05 08 19a

1905 10 07

The Cambridgeshire Weekly News has a larger reporting staff than any newspaper within a radius of 50 miles and is enabled to give accounts of all local happenings at first hand. It is non-party and non-sectarian, reporting Conservative and Liberal functions and church and chapel events with strict impartiality. It also publishes a first rate serial story together with columns of Friendly Society, Photographic and Agricultural notes. The guaranteed weekly sale is over 10,000 copies. 05 10 07

1905 12 09

Last night a man was seen careering around the floor at a Covent Garden Ball in a suit made of sateen upon which pages of the CDN was printed. It was made by Mr A.W. Smith of King's Parade to the order of an old University man. The same trader made a similar order two years ago but the material was then white. On this occasion it was pink. 05 12 09c

1906 04 19

Beekeepers Association circulate Table Talk article to raise funds [06 04 19]

1906 06 27

German newspaper editors visit Cambridge – 06 06 27

1907 03 23

Cambridge pressmen assembled at the Sidar Hotel to bid farewell to Mr D.T. Nisbet who is severing his connection with the C.D.N. having secured an important appointment on the 'Midland Evening News'. He was handed a silver cigarette case, a fountain pen and a writer's wallet. In reply he spoke of the good feeling existing between local journalists who, though professional rivals, were personal friends. 07 03 23

1907 05 11

Cambridge Daily News sued for libel – 07 05 11

1907 09 18

Cambridge Chronicle – new company set up to acquire it – A.T. Naylor secretary – 07 09 18

1908 04 25

Press banned from performance of suffrage play at Victoria Assembly Rooms [08 04 25 TT]

1908 05 06

Cambridge was badly hoaxed last night about the result of the Wolverhampton election. Inside the CDN the editor was waiting the news when the noise of cheering penetrated the office, but that was no unusual for the crowds waiting outside frequently engage in shouts. When the official message came through Mr Taylor proceeded outside to find nobody there. Practical jokers had already caused a card to be printed with fictitious figures and left outside the News office. If they aimed at creating a sensation, they have succeeded, causing fits of depression among members of the Liberal party 08 05 06

1908 05 11

The personality of Mr Winston Churchill looms so large in the minds of Cambridge politicians that a crowd of about 3,000 waited patiently outside the offices of the CDN to await the result of the Dundee election, where he was returned as a Liberal MP. When one section of the crowd raised a cheer, the opposing section retaliated. It was a great delight to hear an undergraduate, perched on the shoulder of his friends, declaim against Churchill as a turncoat and hear him answered by one of the Liberal turn of mind. Dundee election night will not soon be forgotten 08 05 11

1908 07 17

The solid form of type representing the news page of the CDN was removed from the printing machine to allow for additions to be made to the late edition when the iron band which holds it together snapped and what had been nicely-arranged columns of print was a shapeless heap upon the floor. That is "printer's pie", the worst catastrophe that can befall a newspaper. Not a moment was wasted: it was quickly gathered up, every available man being set to the task. There was no flurry and exactly 40 minutes later it was on the machine. CWN 08 07 17 p5

1909

“Cambridge Independent Press cut up reports appearing in Cambridge Daily News, added fresh cross-headings & made slight alterations, then published – other memories by Morley Stuart [49 03 26]

1909 03 26

The Cambridgeshire Weekly News has acquired that valuable and old-established journal ‘The Cambridge Express’ and will henceforth be known as the ‘Cambridgeshire Weekly News and Express’. It will be enlarged to 12 pages making it one of the largest and best weekly papers in the United Kingdom. We shall continue to give full reports of all local events, uninfluenced by political or sectarian bias. Our advertisers will receive the benefit of the Weekly News regular sale of 11,000 as well as the circulation hitherto enjoyed by the ‘Cambridge Express’ CWN 09 03 26 [*File in the Cambridgeshire Collection*]

1909 04 09

The only complaint we have received at the combined issue of the Cambridgeshire Weekly News and Cambridge Express is that it is now too large. We have the largest staff of reporters within 50 miles of Cambridge and shall report all Conservative gatherings with a completeness that cannot be approached by any other journal. However we will devote equal space to the doings of the opposite party. We shall not hesitate to speak out where local government is concerned and the fact that we are not tied to the strings of any sect or party will enable us to do this with greater fearlessness and independence. CWN 09 04 09

1909 06 04

Cambridge Free Library has acquired at auction a somewhat badly bound volume of Cambridge newspapers which are unique. They start as ‘The Huntingdon, Bedford, Cambridge and Peterborough Gazette’ of 15 April 1818 but change title to ‘The Cambridge Independent Press’. The purchase shows the happy understanding between the University and Town Libraries both of which were anxious it should not pass into private hands. They agreed the Borough Library should have the first chance but that if the price were too high then the University would bid. CWN 09 06 04

1909 07 17

CDN chooses not to report juvenile court cases under Children’s Act 1908 [09 07 17 TT]

1909 07 30

Before last June newspapers were received in Swavesey through the railway or by post. They had to be fetched from the station or came by the midday delivery and few people indulged in the luxury of a daily paper. Then W.F. Gleaves of High Street became agent for the ‘Daily Mail’ and later supplied all newspapers. Daily papers are now delivered immediately after receipt by the 8.25 train and certain London dailies arrive earlier. Under the old arrangement postal or railway charges had to be added to the cost of the paper. Now even in Elsworth, six miles distant, papers are delivered for face value CWN 09 07 30

1910 10 01

Newspapermen hard pressed to report debate of the Church Congress held in Cambridge; 60-70,000 words telegraphed from Cambridge after 6pm on Wednesday & Thursday nights. “Daily News” reporter mistaken for “Delhi News” [10 10 01 TT]

1910 05

CDN 1st photos seem to be May 1910 [NS2.18]

1911 01 27

David Mordecai left school in 1839 and obtained a situation as ‘reader’ to the Cambridge Chronicle and Cambridge Independent Press newspapers. In 1864 he joined Fred Metcalfe in the founding of the Cambridge Express which was the only penny weekly paper in Cambridge for a number of years. The Cambridge Chronicle, which was regarded as the official Conservative organ, refused to consider

reducing their price so some members of the party acquired the Express. It subsequently merged into the Cambridgeshire Weekly News 11 01 27d

1911 11 24

Cambridge Chronicle editorial on its past & future under new management, photographs to be prominent [11 11 24]

1911 12 15

Motor car's fatal plunge into River Nene at Wisbech – photographically illustrated article – 11 12 15d & e

1912 02 24

Cambridgeshire Weekly News permanently enlarged to 12 pages, made possible by the new two-reel electric rotary press from the Northern Press & Engineering Co which can produce 10,000 copies an hour or 60,000 4 page papers such as CDN, power from Theatre substation [12 02 24]

1912 12 12

R.C. Lehmann told the Authors' Club that when he was at University a Trinity Hall undergraduate with plenty of money had published a paper called the 'Gadfly' containing an irreverent account of a Cambridge institution, Mr Oscar Browning, who was then responsible for its closure. Later they'd heard that Browning was planning a serious and thoughtful magazine to be called the 'Granta'. So they immediately launched their own journal of that name before his could come out. Their most brilliant scoop was to publish the answers to the problem paper in the Mathematical Tripos 12 12 12 & a

1912 12 20

Oscar Browning replies on origin of the Granta – 12 12 20i

1913 02 07

During the trial of the manager of Lacon's Cambridge brewery magistrates were shown copies of an illustrated paper containing photographs of the accused taken in the court. But a large notice states 'Photographing in Court is strictly forbidden. Police have instructions to eject anyone attempting to take photographs'. The senior Press representative assured the Court that the reporters present knew nothing whatever about the matter. 13 02 07 p9

1913 03 21

Cambridge Independent Press, Ely Gazette, Soham Gazette, Huntingdonshire Herald, established over 100 years. Advertise your wants in old-established papers which are thoroughly well-known and have a genuine and increasing circulation. Classified columns include situations vacant and wanted, domestic servants and horses, carriages and cycles. Charge for 16 words, one insertion sixpence, three for a shilling 13 03 21 p1 CIP

1913 07 15

Editors petition Borough Council against change of council meetings to Thursday as there is so much happening now it is a half-day for shops 13 07 15

1913 10 17

National Union of Journalists meeting 13 10 17 p12 CIP

1913 11 28

Frederick W. Metcalfe was head of the printing and publishing firm of Metcalfe & Son on the corner of Green Street which at one time produced most of the publications emanating from Cambridge. Soon after he joined the firm the Cambridge Express was started and he had charge of this popular newspaper until his father's death when it was purchased by the Conservative party. He ran a local troupe of Christy Minstrels including the finest voices amongst the senior members of college choirs.

It had a very successful career for several seasons and visited all the principal towns in the area 13 11 28 p7 CIP

1914 01 10

Description of linotype machine, Fred Rayner [14 01 10]

1914 05 15

Many Cambridge people were surprised to receive their Sunday papers at breakfast time, instead of about noon as hitherto. After a meeting of London Sunday newspapers proprietors with the new American general manager of G.E.R. trains will in future leave Liverpool Street for the East of England arriving in Cambridge at 6.49 a.m. thus enabling papers to be delivered before many people are out of bed. 14 05 15

1914 09 13

CDN issue war bulletins on Sundays [14 09 13]

1915 07 23

C.W. Giles leaves CDN for post on Press Association 15 07 23 p4

1915 10 06

Cambridge Chronicle appears in new form, 6th October - detailed history 15 10 06 [1.9]

1915 10 13

Cambridge newspaper press – history feature – 15 10 13b; pt2 – 15 10 20b Ch

1915 10 15

Cambridge Independent Press history – details 15 10 15 p4 CIP

1915 10 15

Cambridgeshire Collection buys file of Cambridge Gazette at auction; article in Cambridge Chronicle 15 10 15 CIP

1916

CIP acquired by CWN which keeps the CIP title [76 10 14]

1916 03 01

Cambridge Borough Tribunal – Cambridge Chronicle apply for machine minder – 16 03 01c

1916 12 13

Cambridge Chronicle to increase price to 1½ d due cost of paper supply – three times as much as in August 1914; the CWN and CIP doing likewise – 16 12 13e. Cambridge Chronicle prices – previous prices charged – 16 12 27b

1917 03 03

Price of paper has increased 4 x since war, only allowed two-thirds supply; CDN uses thinner paper & reduces columns from 8-6; increase price from 1/2d to 1d; have to restrict paper to half that of 1916 which itself two-thirds of 1914; regular circulation holds up [17 03 03, 17 02 24]

1917 03 10

Central News Service Telegraphs ensure war news up-to-date [17 03 10 TT]

1917 03 14

Cambridge Magazine has had no change of ownership since 1912 and not ‘fallen into the hands of a pacifist clique’ but its extracts from foreign press are taken from obscure and extremist papers – letter; Lowes Dickinson article on Russian Government - 17 03 14b

1917 03 21

Newspaper difficulties: price of materials risen 100-300%, Chronicle has lost 15 men to army and called in older men such as A.R. Hill, a former editor of Chronicle and Express. But hopes to continue – 17 03 21a

1918 10

Death Dr Walter Malden, chairman Chronicle Board of Directors, Oct [4.5]

1919

A.C. Taylor appointed Managing Director of Cambridge Daily News, becomes Managing Director on death of his father 1920 [61 01 06, 61 01 02]

1919 08 20

Cambridge Chronicle Peace number sold out, reprint issued; 60-page illustrated souvenir with record of Cambridgeshire Regiment and exclusive photos – 19 08 20b

1920 01 22

Cambridge Magazine claims for damage caused during unruly scenes on Armistice Day; Medical Schools damaged; damage had happened out of term time and not done by University people – 20 01 28 Cambridge Magazine riot damage discussed at length - CDN 20 01 22

1920 03 03

Cambridge Chronicle, 176 years of history – entertain workers – Ch 20 03 03b

1920 10 13

Cambridge Chronicle presentation to A.G.S. Draycott – photo of staff – Ch 20 10 13e

1920 12 28

Death W.F. Taylor, founder and governing director of CDN; came to Cambridge in 1888 from Bury St Edmunds and started paper; tributes 29th p3' funeral 31st p3 - CDN 20 12 28

1921 01 01

Death of William Farrow Taylor, Governing Director Cambridge Daily News, appreciation; problems of newspapers in wartime, only be combined effort was able to keep intact its daily and two weekly newspapers. When paper started villages rarely saw a city newspaper till Saturday afternoon when local journals reached them through village shopkeepers. Took time to persuade Cambridge people of need for daily paper and colleges were quite indifferent. London daily newspapers were not on sale in Cambridge till 9am – Ch 20 12 29, 21 01 01

1921 10 11

Long queues for copies of CDN which report King Street murder trial, 4 agents in Mill Road sell 7,000 copies during the 4 evenings [21 10 11 TT]

1922 02 02

“Press intentionally misrepresent Labour” - claim denied [22 02 02 TT]

1922 07 08

CDN publish morning edition for Royal Show [22 07 08 TT]

1925 08 25

At the Institute of Journalists conference it was suggested that Cambridge University should experiment in founding a faculty of journalism with a view to raising the standard of journalism and journalists. But Cambridge had no teachers who could deal with journalistic matters and if they were to institute a diploma which did not include knowledge of the inside working of a newspaper office it

would give little weight behind a man applying for a job. Cambridge turned out the raw material and it was up to the journalistic profession to get the men they turned out 25 08 25

1926 05 08

Newspapers continue through General Strike, other newsheets issued [26 05 08 TT, 26 05 15 TT]

1927 05 07

Cambridge Independent Press starts photograph pages, appreciated [5.12]

1928 07 21

Journalist on Cambridge Daily News wins permanent wave [1.12]

1928 10 19

The 'Cambridge Chronicle' newspaper applied for a renewal of the lease of their printing works in Market Hill. For the last 100 years they have carried on business there, they were the best-known works of the kind and if they were obliged to quit the machinery and plant would be very costly to transfer. But the owner said she intended to pull down the premises to carry out a scheme of development. 28 10 19

1929

Cambridge Daily News (1929) formed after shares acquired by Anglo French newspapers Ltd, Captain Taylor appointed Managing Director [5.11, 12.2]

1929

Robin Fellowship starts in Cambridge Independent Press & is an instant success, 4,300 enrol in first six months; first Robin is Sybil Rayner of Cherry Hinton Road [3.22]

1929 01 30

Mr George Sharman, of March, the head of a well-known Isle of Ely family, was killed through falling in front of an express train at March railway station. He founded the 'Cambridgeshire Times' series of newspapers in 1872 and was actively concerned with the management for many years, two of his sons subsequently taking over the reins. Recently he took over an estate and land agent's business. Several years ago he had a seizure while waiting on the March station platform and fell on the line but was not seriously injured. A widow, five sons and a daughter are left to mourn their loss. 29 01 30

1929 04 10

The Sporting News new paper for Cambridge 29 04 10 – *Cambridgeshire Collection has microfilm*

1929 04 27

First page of photographs in CDN – 29 04 27

1929 10 03

CDN new block-making process for photos – 29 10 03

1929 10 12

Mr Tillyard dies, former editor Cambridge Independent Press 29 10 12

1929 11 16

The Cambridge Daily News has entered its fifth decade. Times and newspapers have changed since 1888 when the late William Farrow Taylor undismayed by the shoal of gloomy predictions, ventured the first local evening news sheet on the streets of Cambridge. Like every successful paper it has changed with the times. But changes in make-up have not been more radical than those in the personnel of the staff. We have two representatives of the commercial department who have been with us from the beginning year and several on the mechanical side. But there are none in the editorial department who can go back to the time of Mr G. W. Townsend; he treasures a clock with an

inscription recording eight years on the C.D.N. terminating in 1897 when he moved to the East Anglian Daily Times. 29 11 16

1929 11 22

A Cambridge Daily News van driver was travelling towards Huntingdon when he attempted to pass a stationary Vauxhall drawn up at the side of the road. His Singer van skidded on the greasy surface, zig-zagged over the road for a distance and then ran on to the grass. It struck a telegraph pole and one side of the body was torn completely off and the windscreen shattered. The van continued on its way tearing through a hedge and over the surface of a stubble field. In all it skidded for nearly 100 yards but did not turn over. The driver, apart from grazes, was unhurt. 29 11 22

1930 03

Cambridge Chronicle leaves 9 Market Hill after 168 years [4.17]

1930 12 12

Today the CDN publishes a 16-page paper for the first time in its 42-years' history. This is because of the demands on our space by national and local advertisers for their Christmas shopping announcements and affords evidence of their confidence of the paper as an advertising medium. There is an enormous response each day to our Christmas Pages Advertisement Competition. 30 12 12a

1931 01 17

First edition of Varsity produced [1.16] [*File in the Cambridgeshire Collection*]

1931 04

Death A.B. Driver, sporting correspondent Cambridge Chronicle [4.18]

1931 10

Death Frank Piggott, doyen Cambridge journalists, Oct [5.3]

1931 10 02

In October 1930 the first of a series of 'Who is it?' pictures appeared in the CDN. Now we are celebrating the anniversary by giving readers a different type of puzzle to solve. Our picture shows the rear view of a group of our office staff and five shillings will be awarded to the person who can spot the greatest number or give the best general account of the group as a whole. 31 10 02a

1931 10 09

Cambridge Daily News staff – details of picture of their backs – 31 10 09a

1931 12

Death G.P. Hawkins, chairman Chronicle Board of Directors, Dec [4.19]

1932 02

Col Rushmore, Master St Catharine's College, elected Chairman of Cambridge Chronicle in place of G.P. Hawkins, Feb [5.2]

1933 02 14

When the Cambridge Daily News was founded in 1888 it was produced in premises in Camden Place. All who pass the Theatre Buildings will see we are taking over the premises vacated by D.J. Scott, the photographer. The present site, once an arcade of shops and offices in the passage leading between the New Theatre and Scott and Wilkinson, was acquired in 1901-2. Now we are expanding with new presses to enable a 24-page weekly paper, modern Linotype plate casting machinery and a larger photo-engraving department. We have also introduced a fleet of efficient delivery vans 33 02 14a & b

1933 02 17

Death Robert Donald, chairman Directors CDN – 33 02 17a

1933 04 01

Death of Fred Wicks, with CDN since inception [1.17]

1933 04 26

Master printers and new CDN machinery – 33 04 26

1933 08 02

Charles Wilkins took up journalism at an early age. He worked on the Huntingdonshire Post before moving to the editorial side of the Cambridgeshire Times. He became managing editor of the Cambridge Chronicle and in 1921 he was appointed its managing director. Mr Wilkins was secretary of the Isle of Ely Amateur Football Association and took a prominent part in the Conservative cause and the Catholic Church. He leaves a widow and a family of nine, six sons and three daughters. 33 08 02, 33 08 05

1933 08 12

CDN has more space when news short in August so launches a debate on entertainment needs; also starts 'Old Cambridge' feature using photographs by Palmer Clarke 33 08 12 [1.18]

1933 09 12

Anderson (Andy) Broom was keenly interested from a boy in amateur photography and became the first Press photographer in Cambridge, having been for 20 years on the staff of the Cambridge Chronicle. Before that he worked for 37 years with the firm of Flavell and Ellis, decorators. He was member of St Giles' parish dramatic society and an athlete, chiefly engaged in cycling and skating. 33 09 12

1933 09 23

E.J. Corbell appointed Secretary & Manager Cambridge Chronicle 33 09 23

1933 09 30

The make-up of the Cambridge Daily News is being completely re-modelled and in future the front page will be devoted to the main news of the day instead of small pre-paid advertisements. The London Letter will appear daily, with weekly motoring notes, fashion and household features and book reviews. A new super Crabtree press will allow of larger papers and turn out copies at up to 40,000 an hour. 33 09 30 33 10 02

1933 10 05

CDN starts new printing presses 33 10 05

1933 10 07

Table Talk heading cartoon described 33 10 07

1933 12 06

Making of photographic blocks by CDN Engraving department manager – 33 12 06

1934 06 02

Cambridge Chronicle is incorporated into the Cambridge Independent Press and printed on Cambridge Daily News offices [1.2]

1934 06 02

Notes on weeklies since 1890's TT 2.6.34 [2.2]

1934 12 13

CDN newspaper van collision – photo - 34 12 13

1934 12 31

Charles Gent, who has died aged 80, was one of the oldest newspaper men in the country. Half his life was spent in the service of the Cambridge Daily News which he joined about 18 months after it was started in 1888. He did sterling work as advertising manager and was well respected until his retirement. As a youth he had started in the 'Sherborne Journal' and at the age of 21 was appointed editor and publisher of the 'Poole Telegram', a paper run specially in the interest of the local Liberal candidate. When the Cambridge Association of West Country folk was formed, he became one of the first members. 34 12 31

1935 06 08

The finest Chinese actor of today, Mr Mei Lan-fang, who has to have a three-strong bodyguard to protect him from kidnappers, visited the Festival Theatre. He granted the News his first interview ever to an English newspaper as Chinese actors have a genuine dislike of publicity in every shape and form. Since Mr Mei could not speak English, and the reporter knew no Chinese, the conversation was conducted through an interpreter. He is actually a female impersonator for in China women do not take part in classical drama. 35 06 08

1935 07 27

Sidney Moon, the CDN cartoonist for six years, is leaving to take up a similar appointment on the 'Sunday Despatch'. Speaking in a dual capacity as editor and as 'Uncle Robin' (of the Robin Fellowship), Mr Morley Stuart said Mr Moon had produced cartoons which were full of clever ideas but never objectionable and expressed regret that the special Robin Goodfellow cartoon characters he had created had no 'gone back into the inkwell' 35 07 27. 34 07 18 [2.3]

1935 11 02

G.W. Townsend was one of the first editors of the CDN in its early days; afterwards went to East Anglian Daily Times, dies 35 11 02a [2.4]

1936 05 15

Cambridgeshire Regiment, Major Digby takes command, is University correspondent of CDN specialising in sport and drama – 36 05 15c & d

1936 07 03

Friday Post and Mid-Week Post creditors meeting – 36 07 03

1936 07 20

Reflecting on his 45-year career at the CDN Robert Cleaver remembered when there had been no linotypes but every line had been set by hand – laboriously and painfully slow. The paper was printed only one side at a time, and not folded at all – and the speed about 1,000 an hour! Change had come gradually but the real push and progress had been since Mr Taylor had taken charge. He had transformed the news sheets from their rather dull appearance to a production of which they might justly feel proud. 36 07 20 & a

1936 12 10

There was an enormous demand for copies of the CDN containing official news of the King's Abdication. The first edition was on sale within minutes of the Speaker's historic announcement in the House of Commons. It contained a three-column sketch of the new King and Queen and an appreciation of 'Edward – the Man' together with pictures recalling his visits to Cambridgeshire. The Night Final contained many other interesting details about the crisis. Hours after this London papers were still being sold in the streets that contained only a brief announcement in the Stop Press columns 36 12 10 & b-e

1936 12 10

The depressing fog hung over Cambridge like a gloomy portent of the sad news to come as people awaited the King's decision. Thursday afternoon (early closing day) brought shut shops and deserted

streets to add to the atmosphere of depression. The usual football matches were in progress but the topic of conversation was about the Abdication crisis. The first to hear the news was the group gathered in the offices of the CDN awaiting the News Agency 'snap' messages. Shortly after three-thirty it came. Soon after the poster 'The King's Decision – Official' brought people into the streets eager for the latest news 36 12 10f

1937 01

Ronald Searle becomes cartoonist of CDN [4.20]

1937 01 02

'The Cam' issued for first time 37 01 02

1937 02 23

The News made history by holding the first Cambridge and County Press Ball at the Dorothy Café where a gay crowd, some 300 strong, danced, supped and had a really good time. There were two bands – Percy Cowell's and Percy Read's - providing a continuous programme of music for valetas, waltzes and the 'Paul Jones' with spot prizes given by local firms. Two tasty suppers were followed by a midnight cabaret with star turn Tommy Fields (Gracie's brother) who did a spot of female impersonation. His pleasant smile and India rubber legs will be long remembered. 37 02 23 & e – photo – 37 02 20

1937 06 05

The Cambridge Town Magazine, 'The Cam' comes to an end this month with its sixth number. It had hoped to give readers a better appreciation of the town, take an interest in current affairs and emphasise the importance of local trade. But there was a meagre response and it has not been a financial success. The final issue has an article on Cambridge in the '90s, the benefactors of Addenbrooke's Hospital and Cambridge post office. Illustrations include a drawing by H.M. Brock 'Start of the Mays' and a sketch of Ald Mrs Keynes 37 01 02b, 37 06 05

1937 09 27

Microfilm will bring the library resources of the world to the desk of an individual scholar, a Cambridge conference was told. The prodigious daily flood of newspapers can be compressed photographically into little rolls of microfilm making them perpetually 'in print' while censuses, birth and death records and correspondence can be duplicated. The technology is still being developed and will take much longer than expected, but a satisfactory reading machine should cost about as much as a portable typewriter 37 09 27

1937 10 27

Journalist H.G. Hodder told Rotarians he'd started his career at the CDN. He'd reported on the birth of the St Neots quads and on the death of King George V when he was one of 60 reporters crowded into the Feathers at Dersingham waiting for the news. He'd been accused of overdoing the 1937 floods but it was a good story at a rather quiet time and imaginations were stretched slightly. However it meant that the Government did begin to think what might happen in the Fens unless protection is improved 37 10 27

1938 01 27

Morley Stuart, editor of the CDN, said news of events outside Cambridge came from the Press Association over a wonderful instrument known as a Creed. It was received in Morse code being punched out by a system of dots on to strips of paper which were fed into a machine which automatically transcribed them into typescript on sheets of paper. They had long reports of local meetings and councils; sportsmen were well catered for and ladies not forgotten. Due attention was paid to children in the weekly paper 38 01 27a & b

1938 04 04

James Wentworth Day, who has made a reputation in Fleet Street, strongly criticised the sensationalising tendency of the national Press. "The present trend towards the invasion of privacy is scandalous", he told a Cambridge journalists meeting. He got his early training at the C.D.N. where he started at a pound a week and owed a debt of gratitude to Morley Stuart, the editor, who fired him for attempting one boisterous night to set fire to the New Theatre. Next day he joined the 'Cambridge Chronicle' and supplemented his income by writing advertisements for Joshua Taylor. Afterwards he got a job on the 'Daily Express' 38 04 04a

1938 05 07

Mr H.G. Morris had been chief reporter of the CDN for nearly 30 years. In 1911 he was sent out on his push bicycle to collect news of the Army manoeuvres and afterwards Lord Kitchener said his reports were so well done there was hardly any need to publish the usual blue and white papers issued each day. Captain Taylor said Mr Morris need not worry about the future from the financial side. The News appreciated his energy and sound work over the years and the least they could do was to make his future safe and secure. They hoped that, freed from the worries of newspaper life, his health would improve 38 05 07b

1938 05 31

CDN Jubilee supplement causes problems for the newsboys who have to deliver it

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1938 06 04

Cambridge Daily News jubilee – Capt Taylor reminisces about early days and foundation of paper – 38 06 04 & 4a

1938 11 02

Captain Taylor, Managing Director of the CDN, spoke of the many features of newspaper working which are creating financial difficulties. They are paying a very high price for paper and metal prices had risen due to the re-armament programme. With new complicated modern printing machinery they needed much more skilled operators. But a man in one union would not do the work of a man in another one. Unions had done a great deal of good but must not be virtual dictators of the industry. There was no cure to the evils they were suffering and he hoped no diminution in the supply of their life blood, sales and advertising. 38 11 02, a

1939 02 20

H.G. Morris, former chief reporter on CDN, covered 1912 army manoeuvres – 39 02 20a [2.5]

1939 05 03

If war came some kind of press censorship would be inevitable, the Home Secretary told the Newspaper Society dinner. Retiring President, Captain A.C. Taylor, Managing Director of the CDN, said the provincial newspaper editor was very discrete and trustworthy but must make a true and faithful record of events as they take place. Only a free Press, unfettered by Government interference, can be looked upon as a true Press, and a faithful record of everyday affairs. Local news scarce world news subject to censorship, blackout causes problems 39 05 03b [2.6, 2.7, 2.8]

1939 07 15

The Black Out exercise went off satisfactorily but I hope next time it won't be on a Thursday night because the hours between twelve and four are very busy ones in a newspaper office where there are a series of weekly titles to be made up and printed ready for Friday morning publication. Our own difficulty was increased by the fact that the printers work under glass roofs. We did our best to meet the emergency and the bulk of the work was done before midnight. But the last page or two had to be put together under one small light, suitably shaded. I have never seen pages made up so quickly before – 39 07 15

1939 09 04

CDN reduced to four pages due war conditions – 39 09 04a

1939 11 22

People think that war is good for newspapers because of increased sales, when every day brings fresh sensations, success or disaster on land, sea or the air. But it brings a crop of trouble: rising price of newsprint and the blackout adding to difficulties of distribution. Censorship was not to conceal the truth from the public but to prevent information getting into the hands of the enemy. Local news had to be sent to London to be censored but foreign stories arrived at the CDN over a private wire ready for publication. They were able to give later news than the London evening papers as they had to come on the afternoon train which often took two hours. There was terrible unemployment amongst journalists over 30. They were a reserved occupation and could not enrol in any of the services 39 11 22a

1940 04 20

CDN gets on 30% of normal newsprint due to war, cuts back to 8 small pages instead of 4 large ones & reduces reports [2.9] 40 04 20b

1940 06 04

John William Scott manager CDN photographic & engraving department; worked at Scott & Wilkinson and did occasional photographic work for CDN; also official police photographer. When CDN reorganised in 1929 was asked to form and take control of the Photographic and Engraving Department – 40 06 04

1941 06 24

CDN increases price to 1½ d due costs – 41 06 24b

1941 06 05

Censorship – facts raiders must not know – 41 06 05

1942 03 07

Fred Rayner lino-type operator at CDN – details of changes over 50 years etc – 42 03 07a – memories – 42 04 15 [2.10]

1942 06 26

18,000 miles. A correspondent (Says Watchman), writing of the Cambridge Independent Press, says: An old lady, in pre-war days, bought a copy of the "Independent" ' every week, and after reading it she loaned it to four neighbours. Later on the paper was sent to a son in Newcastle, who then

forwarded it to a brother at Plymouth. From Plymouth it went to a brother in Melbourne, in Australia, who then sent it to a brother in Canada. The itinerary or programme was carried out weekly for several years, and according to the correspondent, each copy of the "Independent" must have travelled quite 18.000 miles 42 06 26 CIPof

1942 09 23

Soldiers read CDN in desert – photo – 42 09 23

1943 01 09

Japanese authorities refuse to allow letters to prisoners of war unless they are typed; CDN offer to help with typing [2.11]

1943 07 12

Table Talk column in CDN celebrates 25 years [2.12]

1943 12 24

Fifty years with local Papers. For nearly 50 years associated with the Cambridge newspapers, Mr. C.R. Vincent has died at Malvern at the age of 85. It was only two months ago that he relinquished his association with the "Cambridge Daily News" and "Independent Press," and past and present members of the staff joined warmly in a presentation to him on that occasion. Formerly engaged on clerical work with the Post Office Savings Bank Department in London., Mr. Vincent was obliged by health reasons .to give up his duties. He came down to Cambridgeshire and established his home in Swavesey, becoming, in 1898, village correspondent. In 1922 he was appointed to take charge of village correspondence at the head office of the newspapers. With over 70 villages in the county, his training in the Civil Service came in remarkably useful. It was his duty to keep a record of every paragraph sent in, and it was his proud boast that he could always turn up any item at will. Mr. Vincent gave a helping hand to Uncle Robin in the early days of the Robin Fellowship, and he was affectionately known in the office as "Uncle Cyril." 43 12 24 CIPof [1.1] 43 12 18

1944 01 29

CDN publisher, C. Maile celebrates 50 years – memories – front office was at extreme end of arcade facing the street; on one side entrance to Theatre Royal and on other entrance to kindergarten school when New Theatre wanted old office as refreshment buffet for stalls the front was moved to present editorial offices. Later moved right up to St Andrew's Street in place of Alphonso Smith's boot shop and Scott & Wilkinson's photographic establishment. Helped publish Victoria Diamond supplement. Appointed published in 1913 and has remained. Remembers when 'Weekly' printed four pages a time on the old Wharfedale press when copies had to be 'knocked up' and counted out in dozens. During General Strike of 1926 CDN produced a single morning sheet which circulated widely. Delivery of weekly paper provided problem in absence of trains and buses and with only one horse and cart for town delivery. Managed with help of Bim Hodder and his sports car, the Herts and Beds Bacon Company and a hired lorry – 44 01 29

1944 02 29

CDN celebrates 200 years of publication of a weekly newspaper – detailed history – 44 02 29-29e

1944 05 13

Cambridge Chronicle passing – [TT 44 05 13]

1946 03 30

W.M. Stuart leaves after 16 years at CDN, chief reporter 1938. Was air raid warden who wrote 'Now it can be told' article [TT 46 03 30]

1946 12 31

CDN dinner to welcome home staff from war – if history of what was done in University laboratories is ever written – but will not as scientists so modest; no accommodation for returning men as lodgings taken by Civil Service; memories of W.L. Reynolds – 46 12 31& a

1947 01 04

W.L. Reynolds cashier CDN retires after 43 years; memories of founder [TT 47 01 04]

1947 02 22

Paper restrictions mean only 8 pages daily, had grown to 12 on alternate days [2.20]

1947 07 19

Further Government restrictions on newsprint to save dollars, CDN reduces circulation by 20% rather than cut number of pages [2.21]

1947 10 11

There will be a warm welcome for "Varsity Handbook", the Undergraduate's Guide to Cambridge, produced and published by "Varsity". This is a brand new publication, printed on good paper and contains a mass of information of interest and value to University men. Much of the material has never been collected before. For the first time, for instance, a full detailed list of the 180 odd University societies is published. And then "One Man's Opinion" contains some frank advice - possibly a little too frank - for the Freshman on a variety of matters 47 10 11

1948 05 29

To the dinner held at the University Arms Hotel in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the Cambridge Daily News" there came as guests those who formed the happiest possible combination of the "family" and delighted friends. University, town and county joined in tributes to our paper, tributes, too, which made mention of accuracy, good taste and kindness. The Mayor, (Coun G.F. Hickson) said: "We all feel very strongly that the prosperity of the local Press, even if it sometimes goes by the affectionate name of the "local rag", is a feature of our life today. I think it must gain the admiration of us all in the way the C.D.N. does succeed in giving a fair deal to everyone in the restricted space at its disposal" 48 05 29

1948 06 05

Mr H.C. Bruce of New Fletton, Peterborough has written to say: "I have always had a warm spot for the Cambridge Daily News. It has had some rough passages and I like to think I helped it through one. When the 'Cambridge Gazette' started their new plant in St Tibbs' Row they also came out with a fine new yellow cart with rubber tyres. Every time we went out with our tall red cart with iron tyres and poor old mare they could beat us, because they had a fast trotter. They got to the newsagents first for some time and our returns began to increase, but with a little ingenuity on the round at night we managed to get and keep the lead. I got those papers to the agents before the 'Gazette' and had less returns to parcel up for waste paper" 48 06 05

1949 08 06

Last "Table Talk" by Morley Stuart, 6th August, H.H. Higgins takes over [2.23, 9.5]

1949 09 22

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr Morley Stuart, editor of the CDN for 31 years. On the Cambridge Independent Press being acquired by the Cambridge Weekly News in 1912 he took over the editorship in addition to working as assistant editor of the CDN. He used to recall how he would receive a caller who wanted to see the editor of the CDN, and then on being called over subsequently to Llandaff Chambers where the CIP offices were situated, he would find himself confronted by the same caller wishing to see the editor of that paper 49 09 22 [3.1]

1949 09 30

Death of Jack Maile, 56 years with CDN [CDN 49 09 30 p4]

1949 10 13

B50 bomber crash not mentioned on front page of CDN [4.8]

1950 01 14

CDN stresses its election policy: "an independent line ... equal fairness" [3.3]

1950 01 21

More newsprint so CDN goes up to 16 pages three times a week once more hit by newsprint shortage in August [3.9]

1950 03 16

Captain Taylor, Managing Director appointed Mayor - it proves a momentous years during which Cambridge granted the title of 'City' [3.6,3.8] was son of late William Farrow Taylor, founder CDN, managing director CDN & director of other companies [CDN 50 03 16 p7] Biography [CDN 50 05 25 p6]. Biography of his wife [CDN 50 06 05 p5]

1950 05 20

"There are three speeches: one prepared the night before, one delivered & one press report next day" [TT 50 05 20]

1950 08 12

CDN hit by shortage newsprint [3.9]

1950 11 16

CDN prints Farmer & Stockbreeder during London composers' strike [3.10]

1950 12 16

Death R. Cleaver, formerly overseer CDN [CDN 50 12 16 p7]

1951

The News 'Motoring' column was started and first written by Brian Lister in 1955. He went off to make one of the very famous names in sports-racing cars, the Lister-Jaguar, which, driven by the late Archie Scott-Brown and tuned by Don Moore of Cambridge Place, dominated the racing scene. Rodney Tibbs took over the column in 1957. 81 01 13b

1951 03 24

"Oxford sink" makes front page news in CDN while bomber crash does not [3.12]

1951 05 02

CDN raise price by ½d to 2d (1p) [3.13]

"More local news wanted" – CDN has 960 inches of spacel devotes 117 to London & world, 219 local, 56 film & radio, 63 sport, 503 advertisements.

1952 01 05

CDN appeal for radios for Addenbrooke's raises £6,500 in 3 weeks [3.15 ,3.20]

1952 01 12

Robin Goodfellow corner started in CIP in 1929, maintains Robin & Goodfellow cots at Addenbrooke's Hospital; club hands over 1,000,000 penny since 1929 [3.16]

1952 01 26

Sidney Moon, brilliant international cartoonist for Sunday Despatch, formerly worked CDN [3.17]

1952 02 05

The CDN has added, for one week only, a new publication to the list of eight newspapers which it currently prints each week – an American newspaper. “Brigade Cavalcade” was produced to mark the first anniversary in the U.K. of the 32nd Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade of the U.S. Army. Its editorial offices are a battered war-time hutment overlooking the huge aircraft runway at Beck Row. After a lifetime of spelling English in an orthodox manner it was difficult for our printers to set words like honour and colour without the ‘u’, and the practised fingers of a linotype operator rebelled against copy which insists that programme should shed its last two letters. 52 02 05

1952 03 29

Keith Clarke appointed News Editor & Chief Reporter in place of S.J.Amyes [3.18]

1952 09 13

Death H.G. (Bim) Hodder 2½ years CDN sub-editor & book reviewer [3.19]

1953 05 21

Granta banned for publishing a blasphemous poem but Gadfly issued instead (the name of a magazine which was banned 65 years ago giving Granta its start) [7.1]

1953 10 03

CDN launch appeal for money to restore bells of Gt St Mary’s church [4.11]

1953 11 16

Fire in CDN front office [4.12]

1954 05 08

CDN defends itself against anti-Labour bias [4.13]

1954 05 29

Death W.A. Howlett, CDN printer [3.21]

1954 07 10

Robin Goodfellow feature inaugurated 25 years ago by Morley Stuart and was an instant success; 4,300 enrolled in first six weeks; first Robin was Sybil Rayner, Cherry Hinton Road. Robin cot endowed [3.22]

1954 11 08

Alfred Leonard, 42 years CDN [CDN 54 11 08]

1955 01 18

Newsboys outing to New Theatre [4.14]

1955 09 10

The Cambridge Express Printing Company has been acquired by W. Heffer & Sons. The ‘Express’ works have a long history. At one time they published a weekly newspaper which was eventually incorporated with the ‘Cambridge Weekly News’ which in turn amalgamated with the ‘Cambridge Independent Press and Chronicle’. 55 09 10e

1955 11 02

CDN appeals for radios for Papworth Hospital (raise £5,000) [4.15, 5.10]

1957 02 30

CDN starts “America Letter” [5.13]

1957 08 19

'Footballer of the Year', Tom Finney, has been signed to write for the popular 'Cambridge Daily News Football and Sports Review' each Saturday evening. He has been capped 67 times since 1946 and is one of the most versatile forwards of the post-war period. Tom was offered a huge sum to sign for an Italian team but declined, saying he was happy to remain with Preston North End for whom he scored 22 goals last season. He knows the game inside out and will present a lively commentary on the soccer scene each week. Do not miss them. 57 08 19

1957 09 25

Retirement W. Kingsnorth, linotype operator 51 years, CDN – 57 09 25b

1957 10 18

CDN editor lectures – 57 10 18d

1959 06 13

CDN sale of ordinary shares for sum in excess of £400,000 to Lord Iliffe; CDN is owned by Greyfriars press which through Associated Iliffe Press is owned by Kelly's Directories, Kelly's is Amalgamated Press subsidiary. Sum is very large appreciation over Grayfriars original investment of 1930s, part of streamlining of Amalgamated Press which acquired by Daily Mirror group at beginning year [5.11,12.1]

1960s The Cambridgeshire Collection has detailed newspaper cuttings files from this date

1960 01 02

The Cambridge Sporting and General News Service is one of the oldest news agencies in the country. It was founded in 1859 by James Drake Digby as 'The University and Sandringham Intelligence Service' and was the originator of the Royal Court system of reporting now adopted by the Press Association and Exchange Telegraph Company. In its office is a label showing that in 1906 King Edward VII personally sent three braces of pheasants from a royal shoot to James Newton Digby. The agency is now lead by E.A. January who took over after the war. It covers sport and news from the University, town and surrounding district. 60 01 02

1960 03 25

University 'Image' magazine launched 60 03 25a

1961 01 02

Captain A.C. Taylor retired after 40 years as Managing Director of the CDN, the paper established by his father in 1888. He is widely engaged in public service having been elected to both county and city councils and was Mayor when Cambridge became a city in 1951. He is chairman of the Ministry of Labour Rehabilitation Committee and keenly interested in sport, ploughing and farming. His successor as Managing Director is Mr A.J.H. Durham who like the Chairman of the Board, Lord Iliffe, is a graduate of Cambridge University 61 01 02b [5.11,7.7] 61 05 05a

1961 03 04

Cambridge Review 2000th issue, founded 1879 – history 61 03 04

1961 03 13

A cocktail party was held at St John's College to celebrate the 2,000th issue of 'The Cambridge Review'. It was founded in Trinity College in 1879 and has appeared every week in full term without interruption for strikes and wars. Its price – sixpence – has not changed at all because the circulation has always been small. The current edition has the usual content of articles, correspondence, book and theatre reviews 61 03 13a

1962 04 16

Cambridge Daily News move from St Andrew's Street to Newmarket Road complete – 62 04 16c

1962 05 08

At the modern Cambridge Daily News building on Newmarket Road each reporter has his own desk with a spring loaded device which allows his typewriter to be swung out of sight at a touch of the fingertips. There is a telephone kiosk built into the corner of the room which is used for confidential calls or those coming from a long distance which require quiet surroundings for easy listening.

Typists in the copytaking room transcribe telephoned stories while national news and photographs sent by wire or radio are received in the teleprinter room 62 05 08, a, b

Producing the pictures – 62 05 08d, composition of pages – 62 05 08e, foundry – 08f, printing works – 08g, machine produces 40,000 copies hourly – 08h, despatch – 08i, transport – 08j

1962 07 20

Local news now prominent on front page of CDN [5.22]

1962 10 01

CDN changes name to Cambridge News on 1st Oct, people associated Daily with morning paper [12.5]

1962 11 15

Down Your Street articles by Eric Dimock start with Castle Street – 62 11 15a

1963 12 31

Cambridge News new offices on corner St Andrew's Street marks transfer of business from office in New Theatre Building – 63 12 31a [12.6]

1964 02 20

Horace H. Higgins, joined the CDN as a senior reporter in 1921 and became editor on the death of Morley Stuart in 1950, guiding it through many changes since it came into the ownership of Lord Iliffe. He was also the principal drama critic and was present at the opening of both the Festival and Arts Theatres. He launched funds to supply radios for Addenbrooke's and Papworth Hospitals and for improvement the Red Cross Society's 'Edwinstowe'. He is succeeded as editor by Mr N. Keith Whetstone from the Coventry Evening Telegraph. 64 02 20a

1964 04 08

Bring back the sunshine with a bright new colourful deep-woven Axminster or Wilton carpet from the Co-operative House, Burleigh Street. Laurie & McConnell or Peak's Furnishers where you can save up to one pound per square yard. [A three-page advertising feature printed in colour on 8th April, the first time colour was used extensively in the News] 64 04 08a-c

1964 09 24

Avalon furniture – two-page colour advertisement – 64 09 24a-b

1964 11 02

Granta magazine charity show to raise finance, includes Jimmy Edwards, Bernard Braden, Thora Hird, Peter Cook, Frankie Howerd and David Frost, the ex-editor. 64 11 02d

1964 11 07

Cambridge News wins 1964 Newspaper Design Award for evening newspapers; acquired by Lord Iliffe five years ago; he built new works and offices on Newmarket Road which opened April 1962 with printing plant of the latest design. New headline type, old five-column pages gave way to present six. Masthead designed by Will Carter – 64 11 07

1964 11 20

Birds Eye orange juice advertisement with colour for juice- 16 11 20

1964 11 27

Double-page colour advertisement – 64 11 27h

1964 12 18

CIP new look - 4 page Picture Parade, page 2 devoted women readers [12.8]

1965 01 08

CIP acquire St Neots Advertiser & Hunts & Beds Advertiser News, total circulation 28,000 copies covering 7 counties [12.9]

1965 04 08

Reuters news agency monitors Russia from Green End House, Royston – feature – 65 04 08e

1968 01 29

CN sales 44,436 an evening [12.10]

1969 03 13

CDN Makes evening paper history by including full colour pictures less than 24 hours after taken; film flown to Coventry & printed pages driven back in fleet of vans – 69 03 13, 13b [15.1]

1969 06 23

CN new offices, Market St replacing St Andrews Street [7.8, 15.2]]

1969 08 26

Cambridge News changes title to Cambridge Evening News to emphasise fact that it an evening paper – 69 08 26 (old) 69 09 01, 02a; change names on vans – 69 09 02a

1969 11 11

Capt A.C. Taylor, managing director of CDN for 40 years; his father William Farrow Taylor founded paper in 1888; he became manager in 1919; was acquired by Lord Iliffe in 1959 – 69 11 11

1969 11 12

CEN install two extra rotary presses & 2 folders; 54,000 copies each night [15.4,7.9]

1969 11 18

Railwaymen deliver newspapers overnight – feature – 69 11 18a & b

1970 06 20

Keith Whetstone, editor of Cambridge Evening News – profile – 70 06 20

1970 07 04

Jim Smith, machine room manager of Cambridge News for 37 years retires – 70 07 04

1970 12 12

Cambridge News curtails number of editions due power strike – molten metal used to cast type will quickly solidify – 70 12 12

1971 05 24

CN “flyover extension starts [15.6]

1971 07 16

Cambridge News sales top 50,000 for first time – 71 07 16

1971 09 24

Cambridge Chronicle microfilm could make money for city [71 09 24]

1971 11 03

Shilling Paper revived, died nearly year ago after student anarchists gained control editorial production, strident voice and extremist politics offended [15.7]

1971 12 23

Ernest Blows joined CEN in 1914 when circulation was 7,000 copies delivered by horse and cart; now sells more than 51,000 with four editions covering 1,500 square miles – 71 12 23

1972 01 14

Stop Press, student magazine launched challenging Varsity; negotiates merger [8.17,15.9]

1972 02 08

Uncertainty power supply due miners' strike, CN changes format [15.11]

1972 02 10

Cambridge News starts installs new conveyor system to speed packing time – 72 02 10b

1972 02 17

Cambridge News juggles with power cuts to get the paper out – describes printing process etc – 72 02 17

1972 03 30

NGA problems [15.13]

1973 01 12

Record CEN, 64 pages includes 20 page classified advertising centre section [15.14]

1973 01 14

Spicers aid Varsity which threatened with collapse [15.15]

1973 01 25

Merger Varsity & Stop Press continues [15.16]

1973 02 13

Varsity appears for last time, first published Jan 1931 by William Farquah who sold to friend for £100, post-war Harry Newman founded published wrote & promoted it; used pre-war title to get newsprint when supply rationed. Brash with Trans-Atlantic headline styling & verve. 21st birthday March 1968; 6,000 buy it. Prince Charles, David Frost, Jonathan Miller etc wrote, Anthony Armstrong Jones photo'd [15.17, 16.1]

1973 03 08

Editorial dispute curtails CEN [16.2]

1973 03 30

Sara Payne CEN women's page editor named Britain's regional wine & food writer for 1972 [16.3]

1973 04 13

Two days disruption by journalists [16.4]

1973 04 17

15 pages of adverts, one page of news [16.5]

1973 04 27

A. Durham president East Anglian Newspaper Society, chairman Evening Newspaper Advertising Bureau [16.6]

1973 09 22

Newsprint shortage restricts number of pages [16.7]

1973 10 17

Disputes NUJ, CEN is 1p tonight; settle 3-day dispute, stop again [16.7]

1973 11 14

Shilling Paper to reappear with two issues this term, in past maintained extreme left image [8.10]

1974 01 26

Romsey Town News started by community in Spring 1973 - opportunity to speak & coalesce [14.1]

1974 03

CEN disputes [16.9,16.13]

1974 03 08

CEN 99% accuracy record [16.8]

1974 04 22

Chris South column begins twice weekly [16.10]

1974 10 02

Today sees the first issue of a talking newspaper in Cambridge. Carried on tape cassettes it will be issued to 30 blind, elderly and infirm people and will provide a service of news based on material appearing in the C.E.N. Pye radio provided £1,500 worth of tape recorders to launch the project and the Vice Chancellor has offered University recording facilities. The "Talking News" was originated by Mrs D.M.C. Matthews of the Blantyre Home for the Blind in Glisson Rd and is now administered by a special trust 74 10 02 [16.11]

1974 10 22

CEN new printing press units arrive [16.12]

1974 11 27

Stop Press cash shortage, last week failed to appear [16.14]

1974 12 03

CEN fails to publish for 1st time in 86 years due NGA dispute caused by NUJ sanctions [16.15]

1975 01 20

Shilling paper coming back 75 01 20

1975 02 27

Robert Iliffe succeeds uncle as Chairman proprietors CEN [8.3]

1975 11 19

Stop Press cash problems [8.11]

1975

Town Crier, free newspaper, starts [10.1]

1975 04 23

Fulton Gillespie, chief reporter CEN, is runner-up in IPC National Press Awards 75 04 23

1975 08 05

Wilfred Morley Stuart, former chief reporter CDN and editor of Hansard dies. Left CDN 1945. Was son of Morley Stuart, former editor 75 08 05

1975 09 05

Frank & Babs Munns, well-known to numerous city centre newspaper buyers, have retired from their Market Passage newsagents. They have been in the business for 45 years. His family started in Newnham, one of only two wholesalers in Cambridge of Sunday newspapers. They started their first business in Castle Street and moved to Market Passage 14 years ago. Over the years there has been a big increase in the number of continental magazines people want to buy. Italians from as far afield as Bedford come to their shop for periodicals in their own language c75 09 05

1976 06 16

Rodney Tibbs best provincial science writer [8.12]

1976 06 25

CIP becomes first di-litho paper in Britain [8.7]

1976 10 14

CIP publish 12,000th issue. Cambridge Weekly News series incorporated Newmarket Weekly News, Ely Weekly Guardian, Saffron Walden Weekly News & Royston Weekly News. Acquired Cambridge Express 1909, Cambridge Independent Press 1916 but retained that title. 1934 became Cambridge Independent Press & Chronicle. 76 10 14 [8.14]

1976 12 17

CEN new regional edition, reports from area no longer confined to centre pages but displayed throughout news section [15.5]

1976 12 29

CEN surplus £191,278 last year – 16% improvement [8.16]

1976 12 31

CEN increases printing units from 6 to 10 [8.16]

1977 01 28

Stop Press stopped, financial problems [8.17]

1977 04 12

CEN becomes first daily newspaper printed in UK by direct lithography, faster & step on road to photo composition; had toured Scandinavia & USA before deciding [8.6,8.18]

1977 04 25

Printing technology is moving fast and regional newspapers are consistently in the forefront of developments. By concentrating on one major aspect the Cambridge Evening News has more than kept pace. The use of hot metal in printing is giving way to photography & we are the first in the country to print our papers by the Di-Litho method, enabling us to modernise and adapt our dated but sturdy and still efficient presses, improving the quality of reproduction in our publications and making working conditions easier and cleaner for staff. It is an indication of our confidence in the future that we intend to move to photocomposition, stage by stage, until completion in about a year's time. 77 04 25

1977 05 19

Cambridge Graphic facsimile issued 77 05 19

1977 11 11

CEN wins newspaper Design award for best sports pages in evening paper category [9.1]

1978 02 04

He used to stand at the corner of Trinity Street and Green Street in Cambridge, touting his wares. Every few minutes he would break out into a chant which sounded something like “Toodle-oddle-aidie-ar”. One day I couldn’t stand it any longer – not knowing what it meant. So I went up and asked him. “Two o’clock late London”, he said, not so much as raising an eyebrow. “Paper, sir?” Every community, in every day and age, has its ‘characters’, even if there never seem to be quite as many about as there once were. Today busker Jerry Bol happily makes an exhibition of himself as a one-man band, while ‘Snowy’ Farr and his menagerie delight thousands of people with their weekly Saturday appearances. 78 02 04

1978 02 24

The Cambridge Evening News has achieved a feat unprecedented among provincial newspapers by winning three awards in British journalism’s most important honours list, the British Press Awards. Chief amongst the News winners is cameraman Tony Jedrej who has won the title of News Photographer of the Year for a picture of a gunman and woman hostage at Ickleton. Reporter Alan Rushbrider receives a commendation in the Young Journalist of the Year class for articles on Cambridge Symphony Orchestra and a punk rock group while Assistant Editor John Alexander is commended in the Provincial Journalist of the Year class. 78 02 24

1978 06 02

The News decided to celebrate its 90th birthday by doing something light-hearted and invited 90 members of the Mid-Anglia population to pose for a photograph that would show a cross-section of the diverse community it seeks to serve. People who might never meet in everyday life found themselves jumbled together on the Shire Hall lawns for a photograph. Boxer and bank manager, actress and agronomist, proctor and postman and the Librarian of the Cambridgeshire Collection became neighbours in a marvellous mixture. There was even a dog and a rabbit to represent readers’ fondness for household pets. Aqualung diver Bob Kirby was driven to taking ice from the champagne buckets in a desperate attempt to keep cool. 78 05 31 [9.9]

1979 01 22

NUJ stage 7 week pay claim strike, paper run on skeleton staff [9.8]

1979 01 30

Stop Press rescued by business consortium [9.7]

1979 06 01

Cambridge Review centenary issue [9.6]

1979 09 07

CEN fails to publish, NGA claim re new technology over laser plate-maker [9.4]

1980 01 05

CEN uses linotype for last time, now new photo-composition [9.11]

1980 04 02

CEN not published for 7 weeks due NGA national pay claim, back 80 05 13 [9.10]

1980 05

'Grapevine' reports: CEN one of four papers owned by Cambridge Newspapers Ltd; this in turn owned by Coventry Newspapers Ltd, which in its turn is owned by the ultimate Holding company Yattendon Investment Trust Ltd this owned & run for benefit of Iliffe family; head Lord Iliffe, 2nd Baron of Yattendon, a prominent member of landed classes in Midlands; was educated at Clare college present running of companies in hands of Baron's nephew R.P.R. Iliffe, Eton & Oxford ... 3rd of four directors is A.J.H. Durham deputy chairman & managing director; has day-to-day control over running of company; senior committee member of Newspaper Society & past president. 1979 was paid £17,671 as highest-paid director Cambridge Newspapers very wealthy company particularly in comparison other provincial newspapers. 1977 had turnover of £4M. Pre-tax profit £529,000 Cambridgeshire Weekly News started by W.F. Taylor in conjunction CDN, changed name as absorbed other papers, becoming CWN & Express, CIP & Weekly News, & CIP & Chronicle

1980 05 13

The News and its sister newspapers are back in production after a seven-week national pay-and-hours dispute which resulted in the loss of 1.75 million copies. The dispute was over wages. The National Graphical Association wanted a flat £80 a week basic and a 37½ hour week. The employers' side offered £75 a week and a reduced working week by 1982. A union official welcomed the agreement and said he was pleased that at Cambridge they had had none of the agro of other newspapers around the country. 80 05 13b

1980 07 26

CEN new typeface Times Roman, have introduced laser plate-making [9.13]

1980 09 23

Granta aim transform into regular international quarterly [9.12]

1981 01 29

CIP issued for last time on 29th January, [9.14]

1981 02 05

CEN launch new Weekly News series of four free newspapers; increases to seven [9.14]

1981 09 05

In 1975 News had healthy circulation of more than 50,000 in Cambridge & surrounding towns & provided Iliffe family proprietors with healthy profit. The figures for 1980-81 by contrast will show the paper to have made a loss of more than £500,000 having already shown a deficit of around £200,000 in 1979-80. The circulation has dropped in one year from 50,059 to 47,109. The main thing to have changed since 1975 is the flood of media into the area once monopolised by the Cambridge paper. Householders in Cambridge now have 3 weekly free sheets. From spring they will be able to listen to BBC Radio Cambridgeshire. In addition most people have commercial station Also free sheets in Hunts, St Neots & Saffron Walden where CEN has district offices. Free papers undercut advertising rates of News by up to 70p a centimetre & have duly reaped the benefits. Virtually all the estate agents deserted the CEN during the provincial journalists strike of 1978/9 & have never come back. Their business was worth £300,000 a year. They now advertise in the Town Crier which circulates in 71,000 Cambridge homes. News now responded by launching 5 of its weekly series of papers as free sheets with a combined circulation of 130,000. Guardian 5.9.1981 [13]

1982 01 16

Ten thousand copies of the Cambridge student newspaper "Stop Press" have rolled off the presses of the News, the first time it has been printed in the city. With the introduction of direct-image camera and laser printmakers student journalists hope it will save them £150 an issue and enable it to be distributed earlier than before. "Stop Press", a 12-page tabloid-style paper was set up by Cambridge Students Union in the mid 1960s as a radical campaigning alternative to the established student paper, "Varsity", which subsequently folded. 82 01 16

1982 02 02

Journalists 11 day stoppage due redundancy plans [9.15]

1982 02 25

Cambridge newsagent Bob Truelove has an easier working day now his newspaper delivery boys and girls have been computerised. Once he had to get up with the lark to start marking up the morning newspapers for his delivery team. Now the computer delivers a daily print-out for each of the rounds showing which papers have to be delivered to each house. It is the same story in the evening when the News arrives. The Cifer computer, which was installed by Bob Dear of Glisson Road, has been specially programmed so no technical skills are needed to operate it. 82 02 25

1983 01 25

The 'News' has pioneered a number of new technologies in the newspaper industry. A few years ago its composing rooms looked like a factory, dealing with molten lead, burning gas and tons of heavy metal. Now it resembles a carpeted office with two products of the modern age, lasers and computers, at the heart of the process. More technology could be employed but with several editions to produce every day there is no time to stop to introduce it. 83 01 25b

1983 07 28

Estate agents dramatically increase advertising, 20 page Property section CEN; advertising had switched to Town Crier during 1980 strike [9.16, 10.1]

1984 01 05

A new village industry is booming in Cambridgeshire – compiling village chronicles. It is the result of a major project at the Cambridgeshire Collection which has indexed the village news appearing in the Cambridge Chronicle newspaper between 1770 and 1899. Now these stories are being transcribed and published in a series of village 'Chronicles'. The first was compiled for Stretham and others have followed for Littleport, Barrington and Swavesey with more in the pipeline. 84 01 05 p14

1984 02 24

CEN editor "some people have accused us of going downmarket ... but we're not here to paddle prejudices on social or political issues" [10.2]

1984 03 15

A security man delivering wages to the Cambridge News offices in Newmarket Road was confronted by two armed men wearing balaclavas as he stepped out of a lift on the second floor of the building. They pressed a chloroform-soaked rag on his face before taking a black security bag containing wages of over £8,000. The men, who were wearing boiler suits, then walked calmly down the stairs and out of the front door. 84 03 15 p1

1984 10 24

Attack of Verbals published 'left-wing propaganda rubbish' [10.3]

1984 12 12

CEN not published due industrial dispute [10.4]

1985 03 16

Town Crier taken over by Morgan Grampian group; was first delivered free [10.5]

1985 04 25

Huntingdon & St Ives Weekly News produced [10.6]

1985 07 05

Lord Iliffe, former chairman CEN, retires from board, strong personal connection with paper [10.7]

1985 07 24

Lewis Todd was resident cartoonist of the CDN 30 years ago, following in the footsteps of Ronald Searle and Sid Moon who went on to Fleet Street. He is best-remembered for his composite drawings of cricket and football teams. He enjoyed a long career as an artist with the Ministry of Agriculture but now has an exhibition of his oil paintings of Cambridge scenes including a view of the Roman Catholic Church which makes it look like a Van Gogh structure. 85 07 24a

1985 09 21

'Cambridge City Herald' issued by City Council [10.8]

1986 02 06

George Blows retires, longest serving employee CEN [10.8]

1986 04 26

Town Crier move to new offices in Cambridge [10.10]

1986 05 02

The Cambridge-based Mason's News Service has won a unique contract to produce a new Chinese newspaper – the first to be published outside China. They will be responsible for the editing, design and printing of the English-language paper which is published by the Peking-based 'Economic Daily', the country's most influential newspaper. It will contain a digest of the main news stories in China as well as articles written specifically for European readers 86 05 02a

1986 09 18

Royston Weekly News revived [10.11]

1986 12 24

The Talking Newspaper has been compiled for the past 12 years by a team of committed people to give visually-handicapped people information to enable them to participate in the normal day-to-day chat that we all indulge in. Without it the blind can feel isolated. The three team editors incorporate many of their own interests in the arts and animal life in an hour-long tape containing a mixture of news culled from local sources, features and information such as death notices and forthcoming events. The newspaper has its own recording studio at Chesterton Hospital and is distributed through the free mailing service offered by the Post Office 86 12 24

1987 02 02

Ian Richard succeeds Tony Durham as CEN MD – 87 02 02

1987 02 16

The 'News' has entered the computer age. Now reporters' typewriters have been replaced by computer screens and their stories are transmitted electronically to the sub-editors who check for mistakes, write headlines and determine what type-size it should be printed. This is done on screen before being sent electronically to be photo-set. When each page is finished it is made into a metal plate using lasers and is ready for printing. If all goes smoothly a story can take just half an hour to go through the entire system 87 02 16a & b

1987 02 27

Trumpington newsagent Bert Truelove is celebrating half a century in the trade – and he is only 57. He started selling papers in his father's Stapleford shop in 1937 when he was so small that he had to stand on a box to see the customers. After the war the family came to Trumpington and battled through years of austerity when a shortage of papers meant demand for copies of the News often succeeded supplies. It is a different picture now with a boom in sales. New technology ensures he gets the papers on time. He has not forgotten the paper boys and girls who have helped him over the years: they have been invited to a disco in the village hall. 87 02 27a

1987 03 12

Colin Moule succeeds Gordon Richards as editor Weekly News series – 87 03 12

1988 05 28

Mike Petty compiles Cambridge News centenary book – 88 05 28a 88 06 01a

1988 06 02

Loker and Co. Cambridge newsagents since 1861, is to close as a result of sweeping changes in newspaper and magazine wholesaling. Moved from corner of East Road and School House Lane in 1977 – 88 06 02

1988 09 10

Computers are the key weapon in the 'News' battle against deadlines. Previously crucial minutes were lost while journalists' stories were re-set into type by other staff. Now writing and typesetting can be done by one person. The process begins at 7.30 am each day. The newsdesk – run by the news editor, the assistant news editor, the chief reporter and an editorial assistant – decide on the best stories and brief the 15 reporters based in Newmarket Road and another eight in district officers. Stories flood in from every source imaginable and more than 100 press releases and letters are received each day 88 09 10 & a

1988 09 22

Cambridge Weekly News judged best free weekly 88 09 22

1988 12 16

Seven newspapers in Cambridgeshire belonging to the Sharman family are to be sold, but the jobs of all 220 staff are safe. The titles, which include the Hunts Post, Ely Standard and Cambridgeshire Times will be bought by Thomson Regional Newspapers subject to referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Other titles included in the deal are the Peterborough, Wisbech and Kings Lynn Standards and the Rutland and South Lincs Classified. The news comes just a week after the funeral of the former managing director, Charles Sharman. 88 12 16

1988 12 29

Cambridge Evening News centenary year reviewed – 88 12 29b

1989 04 21

Yattendon Investment Trust, owners of the CEN & CWN buy Hertfordshire newspaper group – 89 04 21

1989 04 27

Cambridge Newspapers order new web-offset full-colour press to be located at a new printing complex at Milton – 89 04 27

1989 06 09

CEN gets permission to move presses to Milton c89 06 08

1989 10 27

Work has begun to turn the CEN into the most advanced newspaper in East Anglia. By 1991 the News will be printed on a full-colour German press, the first in Britain, at a state-of-the-art press complex at Milton. It will include a paper store, press hall, four storey administration and engineering support block and a despatch area. A separate building will allow the company to service its own vehicles. Editorial, advertising, circulation and administration teams will remain at the head office in Newmarket Road. 89 10 27

1990 11 23

'Over the Bridge' community magazine for Romsey to close after 100th issue - 90 11 23a

1991 02 04

Rodney Tibbs retires after 42 years at CEN – 91 02 04a

1992

Cambridge News new high-tech printing complex at Milton official opening [Rev]

2007 01

Cambridge News wins Daily Newspaper of the Year award, Jan [Rev]

2007 05 19

CN starts a morning edition from 21st May – CEN 19.05.2007

2012 11 22

Yattendon Group sell Iliffe News & Media to Local World, a newly-formed media group. CN
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